

File Handling

- Reading a file -

- Python has several functions for creating, reading and changing a file.
- The main function for working with files in Python is the **open()** function and it takes two parameters: *filename* and *mode*.

```
[ ] f_in = open("my_file.txt", "r")
```

Reading a file mode "r"

filename

mode

- The **open()** function has a **read()** method for reading the content of the file:

```
[ ] f_in = open("my_file.txt", "r")  
    data = f_in.read()  
    print (data)
```

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- Writing a file -

- The **open()** function has a **write()** method for writing the content to the file:

```
[ ] f_in = open("my_file.txt", "w")
```

filename

mode

Writing a file mode "w"

```
[ ] f_in = open("my_file.txt", "w")
    data = "My new data."

    # We overwrite the content of the file.
    f.write(data)
    # Close the file.
    f.close()
```

File Handling – Try it out

- Check your Email and store the file test.csv on your PC.
- Go to your Colab Notebook and enter the two lines above and run the cell.
- An upload button will appear and you can upload the test.csv file.

```
from google.colab import files
```

```
uploaded = files.upload()
```

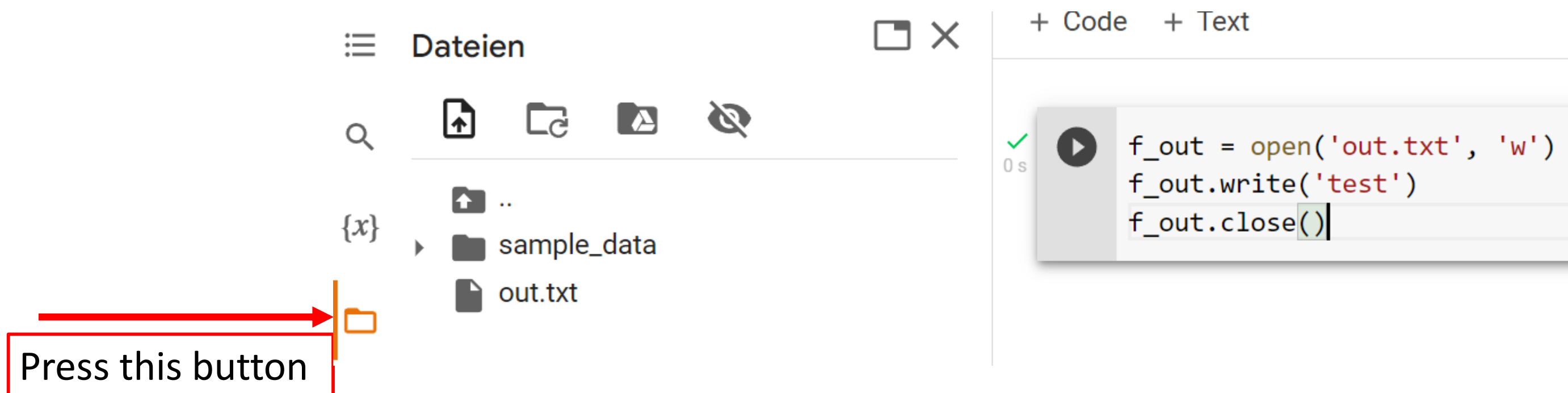
Dateien auswählen test.csv

- **test.csv**(text/csv) - 30757 bytes, last modified: 24.5.2022 - 100% done
Saving test.csv to test.csv

File Handling – Try it out

```
data = open('test.csv', 'r')  
print (data.read())
```

```
data = open('test.csv', 'r')  
print (data.readlines())
```



File Handling – Try it out

```
▶ f_in = open('test.csv', 'r')
# Read the content of the file line by line.
data = f_in.readlines()
print (data)

# Loop over each line inside the file and append the word 'hello' to each line
new_data = ''
for line in data:
    # print (line)
    # Remove spaces at the beginning and at the end of the string with the strip method().
    line = line.strip()
    # print (line)
    # We append the line and the word hello to the variable new_data.
    # We also add a new line feed for each line.
    new_data = new_data + line + 'hello' + '\n'
print (new_data)

# Create a new file
f_out = open('out.txt', 'w')
# Write the content of new data into the file
f_out.write(new_data)
# Close the file
f_out.close()
```